REMARKS/ARGUMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to correct typographical errors in the specification and in the drawings in order to make the specification and drawings consistent.

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APPENDIX A

"CLEAN" VERSION OF EACH PARAGRAPH/SECTION/CLAIM
37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) AND (c)(i)

SPECIFICATION:

Replacement for the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 5:

In a recess 13 in the first shell 9, which opens into a lens 14 shown, for example, in Fig. 5, there is situated an LED element 3 which is plugged into the recess. In order to produce electrical contact between the LED element 3, the positive conductor 5 (or the negative conductor 6) and the central conductor 7, use is made of means not shown here, preferably in the form of a contact adhesive material 32 (shown separated from the groove in which it would normally be deposited), which is accommodated in a connecting or distributing groove 15 provided in the shell 9. The distributing groove 15 in each case ends at stripped regions of the conductors 5-7, which exposes the respective cores 16.

Replacement for the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 13:

Fabrication of a lighting device with plastic housings 4 and connecting means according to Fig. 2, may be done approximately as follows: the upper shells (first shells 9) of two segments 1, if possible, are held by an elongate device table, not shown. The continuous positive conductors 5 and negative conductors 6 have their insulation stripped in the necessary areas and, while continuously tensioned, they are inserted into the holders 11 belonging to the first shells 9. The central conductor 7 is stripped to length and likewise inserted into the associated holders 11. The LED elements 3 are also inserted into the recesses 13. Electrical connection is then carried out by applying a heat activatable contact adhesive 32 and by activating the contact adhesive, for example in a warm oven or by means of local heating devices. The lower shells (second shells 10) are put onto the upper shells and clipped to the latter. The lighting device, fabricated to this extent on the device table, can then be sealed off with a displaceable adhesive metering system, the sealing referring to the plastic housing 4 and to the sealing and permanent fixing of the shells 9 and 10 to each other. In order to supply the adhesive, the second shells 10 can be provided in each case with an adhesive feed opening (not shown) and, if necessary, in each case also with a venting opening (not shown).

APPENDIX B

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) AND (c)(ii)

SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph at page 5, line 5 to page 5, line 12:

In a recess 13 in the first shell 9, which opens into a lens 14 shown, for example, in Fig. 5, there is situated an LED element 3 which is plugged into the recess. In order to produce electrical contact between the LED element 3, the positive conductor 5 (or the negative conductor 6) and the central conductor 7, use is made of means not shown here, preferably in the form of a contact adhesive material [25] 32 (shown separated from the groove in which it would normally be deposited), which is accommodated in a connecting or distributing groove 15 provided in the shell 9. The distributing groove 15 in each case ends at stripped regions of the conductors 5-7, which exposes the respective cores 16.

Paragraph at page 5, line 13 to page 5, line 26:

Fabrication of a lighting device with plastic housings 4 and connecting means according to Fig. 2, may be done approximately as follows: the upper shells (first shells 9) of two segments 1, if possible, are held by an elongate device table, not shown. The continuous positive conductors 5 and negative conductors 6 have their insulation stripped in the necessary areas and, while continuously tensioned, they are inserted into the holders 11 belonging to the first shells 9. The central conductor 7 is stripped to length and likewise inserted into the associated holders 11. The LED elements 3 are also inserted into the recesses 13. Electrical connection is then carried out by applying a heat activatable contact adhesive [25] 32 and by activating the contact adhesive, for example in a warm oven or by means of local heating devices. The lower shells (second shells 10) are put onto the upper shells and clipped to the latter. The lighting device, fabricated to this extent on the device table, can then be sealed off with a displaceable adhesive metering system, the sealing referring to the plastic housing 4 and to the sealing and permanent fixing of the shells 9 and 10 to each other. In order to supply the adhesive, the second shells 10 can be provided in each case with an adhesive feed opening (not shown) and, if necessary, in each case also with a venting opening (not shown).

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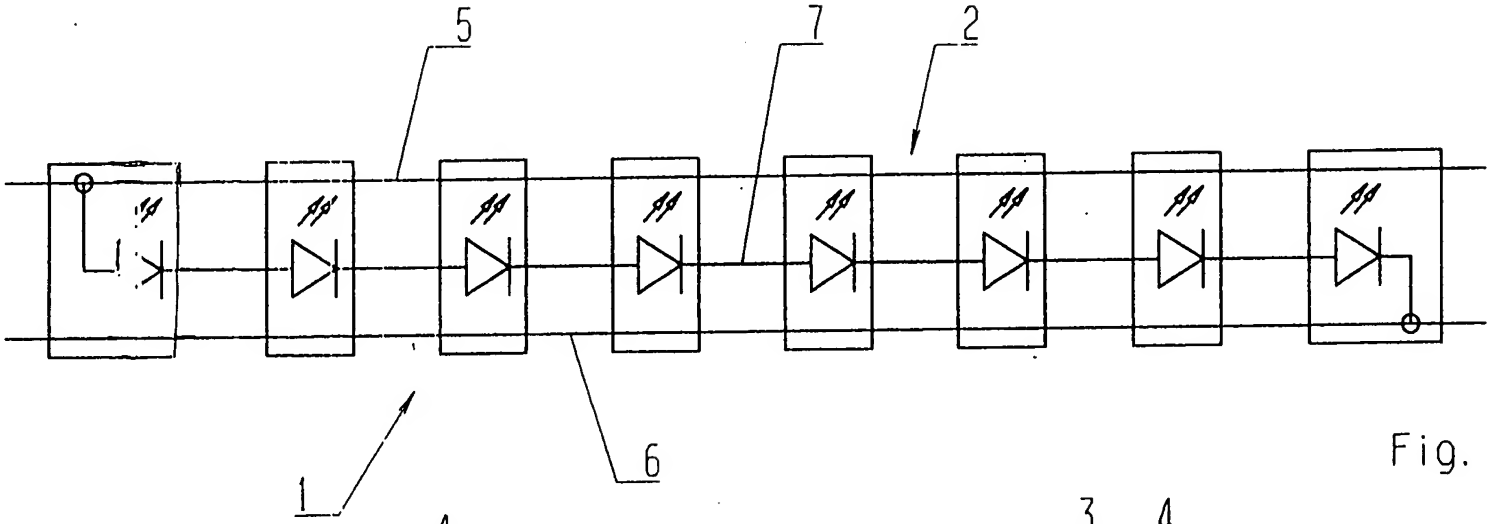


Fig. 1

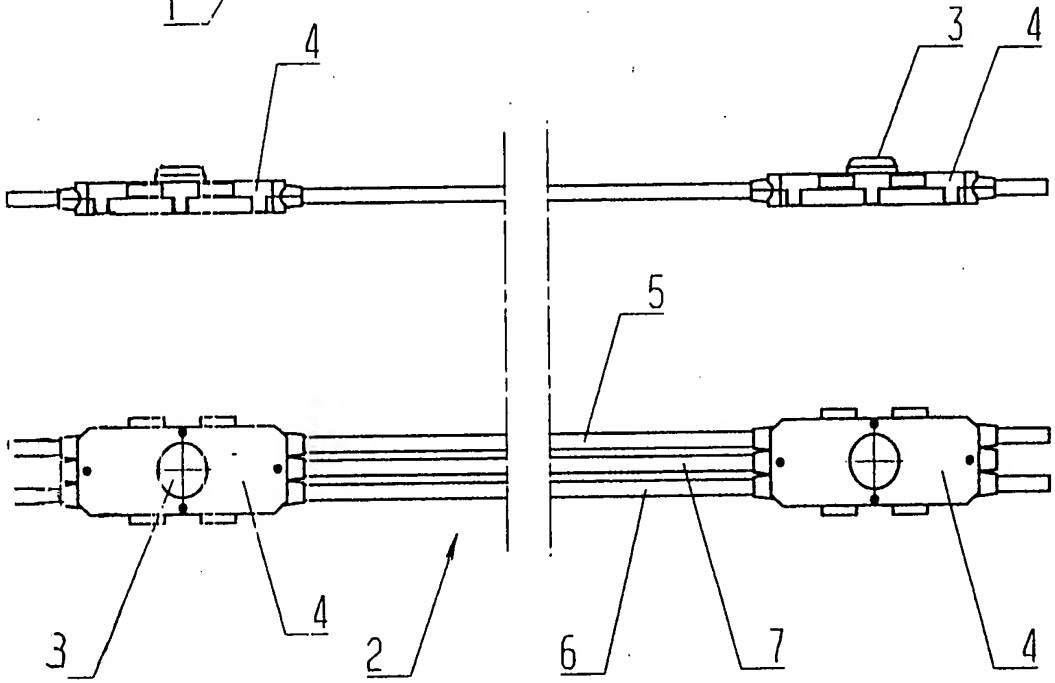
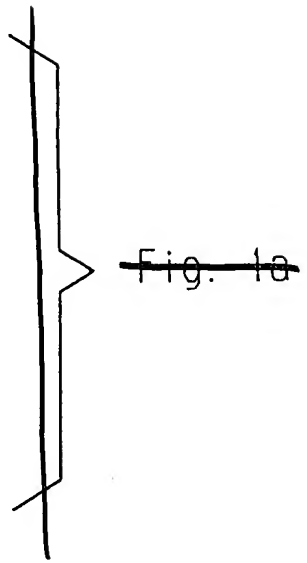


Fig. 1a

Fig. 1b



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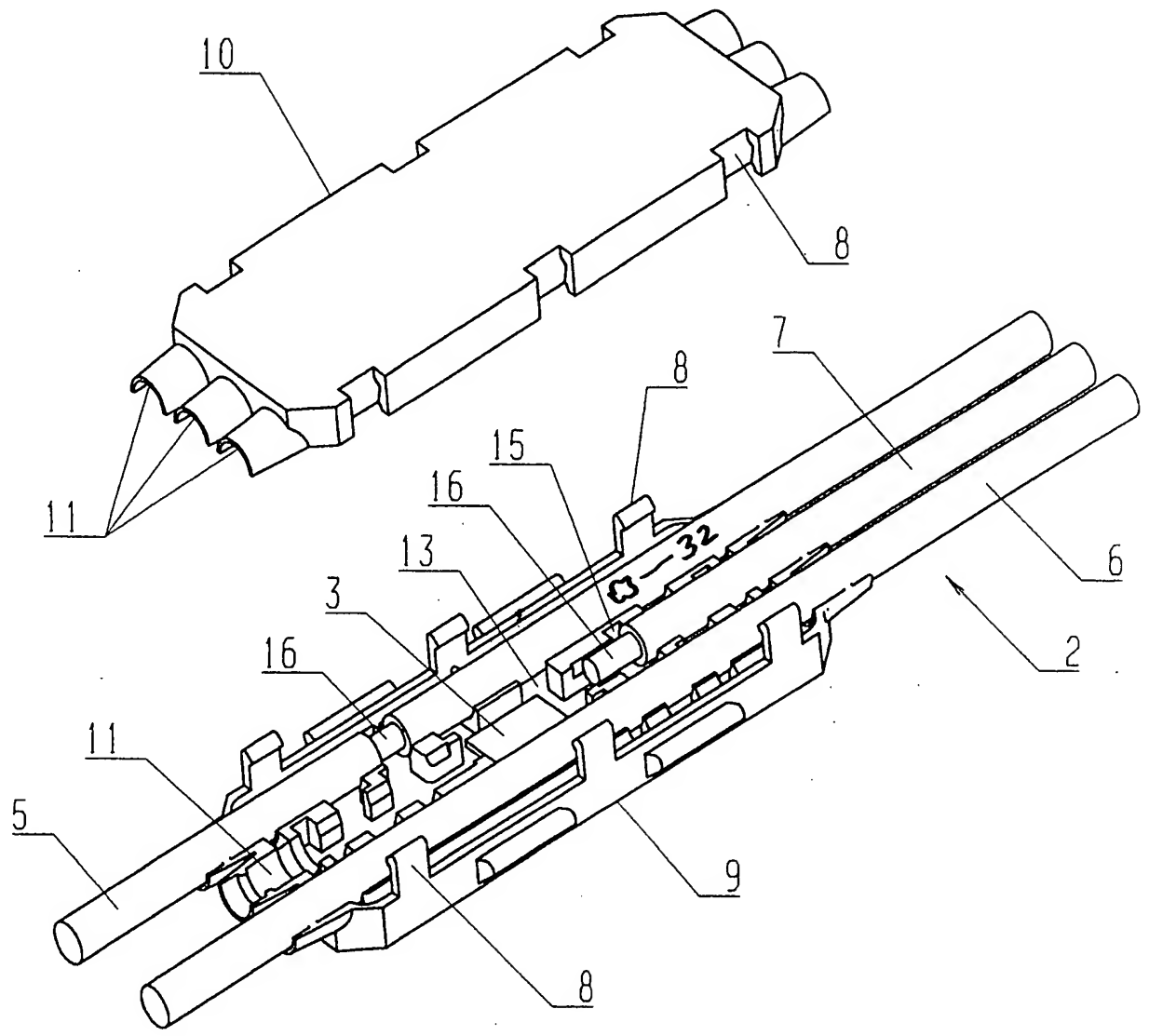

Fig. 2